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In Re Application Of:

Edwin James DuMorris EDDY, et al.

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Title: DEVICE FOR COLD CUTTING ELONGATE MEMBERS ALONG A LONGITUDINAL AXIS

Box Response

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This amendment is filed in response to your Office action dated September 27, 2000. A request for a two (2) month extension of time to and including February 27, 2001, is made and the appropriate fee paid.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

26. (Amended) A cold separation device for separating [an] a cold elongate metallic member along a substantially longitudinal axis thereof, said device comprising:

a separation unit having a cutter[,];

support means extending upstream and downstream of said separation unit to support said elongate member, [and] said support means extending in a direction substantially parallel to said

longitudinal axis of said elongated member

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